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TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON TO CAIRO

REF: STATE 094159

1. SINCE PRIMIN IS AWAY IN ASSIUT, I TALKED TODAY WITH MINFINANCE ABU ISMAIL ABOUT DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON'S UPCOMING VISIT TO EGYPT, APRIL 29- MAY 2. I MENTIONED DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESIRE VISIT LUXOR APRIL 30 AND, IF POSSIBLE, OVERNIGHT.

2. ABU ISMAIL WAS PLEASED TO HEAR OF VISIT, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED TIMING IS NOT THE BEST FOR HIM. HE WILL BE ATTENDING ARAB FINANCE MINISTER MEETING IN RABAT APRIL 26 - 28, BUT THOUGHT HE COULD BE BACK APRIL 29. ON MAY 1 ALL MINISTERS WILL BE EXPECTED BE WITH THE PRESIDENT IN SUEZ FOR SADAT'S ANNUAL MAY DAY ADDRESS TO THE NATION.

3. ABU ISMAIL SUGGESTED FOLLOWING REVISION OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S PROGRAM. INSTEAD OF COMING TO CAIRO APRIL 29, PARTY SHOULD LAND IN LUXOR AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL MAY 1. ON MAY 1 DEPUTY SECRETARY MIGHT FLY TO CAIRO TO HAVE MEETINGS WITH EGYPTIAN MINISTERS THAT EVENING BEGINNING AT, SAY, FIVE OR SIX O'CLOCK. MINISTERS COULD PROBABLY BE EXCUSED BY PRESIDENT TO GET BACK TO
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CAIRO IN TIME FOR MEETINGS WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY.

4. ABU ISMAIL ASKED FOR EXPEDITIOUS REPLY
TO HIS PROPOSED PROGRAM REVISION SO THAT
HE CAN GET NECESSARY HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS
AT LUXOR. HE WANTS TO ARRANGE LUXOR VISIT
COMPARABLE TO THAT OF SECRETARY SIMON. PLEASE
ADVISE ASAP WHETHER PROPOSED REVISION AGREEABLE.

5. IN VIEW FYI NATURE PARA 3 REFTTEL, I
SAID NOTHING TO ABU ISMAIL ABOUT POSSIBILITY
EGYPTIAN PLANE FLYING DEPUTY SECRETARY TO
NAIROBI MAY 2 PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
ABU ISMAIL WOULD IN ANY CASE NOT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE
IT. IT WILL TAKE A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO LAY ON
SUCH A PLANE. CHANCES OF A GOE AIRCRAFT HAPPENING TO FLY
TO NAIROBI ON MAY 2 ARE VIRTUALLY NIL; TO AN
INTERMEDIATE POINT WILL HAVE TO BE EXPLORED.
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